

**REMARKS**

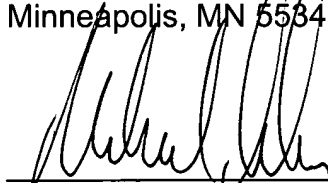
The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to remove multiple dependencies from claim 4.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at (612) 912-0527.

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